

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION ALLOWING A TAX ALTERNATIVE FOR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AS ARE OTHER AD VALOREM TAXING AUTHORITIES CONTINGENT UPON AN INCREASE IN THE STATEWIDE SALES TAX IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE SHORTFALL IN SCHOOL PROPERTY REVENUES THAT WILL BE UTILIZED FOR FLORIDA SCHOOL FUNDING.

WHEREAS, due to rising property taxes, the Florida Legislature has adopted a property tax reform plan, which has not addressed certain inequities in tax assessment and imposition; and

WHEREAS, unlike other ad valorem taxing authorities, local school boards are not subject to the homestead exemption; and

WHEREAS, to make up for the shortfall in school property tax revenues due to the tax reform, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah urge the Florida Legislature to adopt legislation allowing a tax alternative for local school boards to be subject to the homestead exemption, as are other ad valorem taxing authorities, contingent upon an increase in the statewide sales tax in an amount equal to the shortfall in school property revenues that will be utilized for Florida school funding; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned legislation would provide equal treatment for taxing authorities and more equitable tax treatment for homeowners, while preserving and protecting Florida schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah urge the Florida Legislature to adopt legislation allowing a tax alternative for local school boards to


be subject to the homestead exemption, as are other ad valorem taxing authorities, contingent upon an increase in the statewide sales tax in an amount equal to the shortfall in school property revenues that will be utilized for Florida school funding.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 2007.



Esteban Bovo
Council President

Attest:



Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

Approved on the 30th day of September, 2007.



Mayor Julio Robaina

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:



William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote with Councilmembers Bovo, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Miel and Yedra voting "Yes".